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Everything opens when one has a -Victor Hugo.

Mr. Roosevelt's Future Career.

When Mr. Roosevelt shall have retired from the presidency he will be only fiftyone years of age, and in the very prime of his intellectual vigor. He is a remarkably well preserved man, and there will be no sign of old age upon him at the time of his retirement unless disease should in the meantime affilet him. Such a man is not willing to retire to private We have no idea that Mr. Roosevelt will stand for a third presidential term, because he has given his word that he will not do so, and the unwritten law must be reckoned with. There is some talk of his going into the Senate but the Senate is too prosy a body for Mr. Roosevelt. He is too "strenuous." to use his own favorite word, for service that inert and sober-sided assembly. What will Mr. Roosevelt do? We would doubt if he himself could answer the nestion at this time, but it would not surprise us in the slightest if he should go into the Christian ministry. He is one of the greatest preachers the world Never does he make a political speech or an educational address or a delivera public document, that he does not preach, and he preaches good doctrine. His last message to Congress was a great sermon and a timely sermon, notwithto ridicule it. Mr. Roosevelt is an intensely religious man, and his sermons have the force of conviction. If ever a man was called to preach the gospel, we believe that that man is Theodore harm. If the world is to be converted to Roosevelt, and if he should devote the closing days of his life to that noble calling he would possibly bring about a great religious revival throughout the United States for no "pent-up Utien" could contain Preacher Roosevelt. He would be the pastor of some church, but his sermons would be published in the newspapers of the land, and they would be a power for righteousness. Possibly he would found a religious denomination to suit his own peculiar views, for he is a free lance by nature. But in any

the fight of their lives. Probably this subject has never crossed the President's mind; possibly it has, takes a long time for the people at large No matter, he is a great preacher, as we have more than once observed, and lant. St. Paul did not receive his call to preach until after he had had much training in athletics and political life. It is not too late for Mr. Roosevelt to be called to the ministry. It is a most inviting field, even for an ex-President,

powers of darkness, and would give them

## The Ethics of Consolidation

In another column we print a communication from Mr. David L. Pulliam, in which he raises the point that if Manchester should be consolidated with Richmond, there would be no means of compelling Richmond to carry out her agreement (proposed) to bulld a new school for ourselves. We want national aid in house, and expend \$40,000 a year for a the matter of legislation, but we do not streets of "Washington Ward."

taken. We pass over the moral status negro question at home, they would take Richmond would act in bad faith and fall to comply with the letter and spirit from afar; it is another thing to deal of her agreement. But laying that aside, we are quite clear that under the terms it would be for the Southern people to of a legislative enactment which would undertake to settle the "Chinese prob be necessary to consolidation, the Council lem," for the people of the Pacific Slope, could be forced, if the occasion should We have Chinamen in the South, but arise, to comply with all the terms of they are few and far between. One the agreement under which consolidation Chinaman does not solve a problem, not should be effected. Mr. Pulliam contends a dozen or a hundred Chinamen here that the General Assembly cannot enact and there. Whereupon there is no a law that would bind Richmond to her "Chinese problem" in the South, But the a law that would bind Richmond to her "Chinese problem" in the South. But the centract, for the reason that the Constitution prohibits a special act on this subject. Very true as to the constitution prohibition, but the Constitution the population—they make a problem. Hence the liberality of the Senator, from GENERAL law to cover the case and problem. The northern people have such general law would contain a clause handful of negroes here and there, an

provided that-"Mandamus and prohibition shall lie from the Supreme Court of Appeals or a problem. It is simple enough to deal any Circuit Court to compel a city or with the negro as an individual. The any Circuit Court to compel a city or with the negro as an interest of any town to carry out said terms and condi-

tions, or to forbid any violation of the

If Mr. Pulliam's contention is valid and the territory to be annexed to Richnond from the county of Henrico will be at the mercy of the city after having been incorporated.

But if the mandamus clause in the An-Circulation Department...... 38 solidation act would be equally valid and cier, is peculiarly qualified for the place binding. Under such provision of law, if the Richmond Council should try to evade the obligation of the contract, any Manchester Bureau......1102 Hull St. citizen of Manchester could institute nandamus, proceedings and force the Council to comply.

It is well established that the Counoil of a city or & town may be dealt with by this procedure and the Constitution itself recognizes the principle. In section 121 it is provided that-

"The Council of every city may, in a manner prescribed by law, increase or diminish the number and change the boundaries of the wards thereof, and shall, in the year 1953 and in every tenth year thereafter, and also wherever the year thereafter, and also wherever the boundaries of such wards are changed, ic-apportion the representation in the Council in the manner prescribed by law; and whenever the Council of any such city shall fail to perform the duty so prescribed, a mandamus shall lie on behalf of any efficent thereof to compel its performance.

is performance."

Here is a general provision which would apply to specific cases and the same would be true of a general law governing consolidation.

We write from the layman's point of view, and not with the teenique of a appreciation of a citizen who here himlawyer, but we have stated the general principles in a layman's language. Manchester will, of course, see to it

that her rights are well protected in law, before she surrenders her charter and become a part of the city of Richmond.

#### Religious Stimulants.

A wandering evangells, recently conlucted a series of religious meetings in the city of Bristol, and in reviewing his work in the Christian Advocate, Rev. Dr. R. N. Price uses this language:

Dr. R. N. Price uses this language:

During the meeting an operatic troupe showed, but sold less than twenty tickets; so much for the influence of the meetings, and the ridicule heaped unon our "two-by-four opera house." The evangellat denounced cards, theatres, gambling dens, blind tigers, clubs (especially femule clubs), until these things are likely to roost lower for some time to come. Some of the preachers tolerated his tirade against these things—delivered as they were in slang and billingscate—as necessary evl)—as something necessary to get sary cvll—as something necessary to get us out of the ruts. And if he has out some of these things out of the lives of the people of the place, he has done good. We do not like to criticize at this dis-

tance, but it may be that the evangelist's the theatre, because it was the more attractive show. This is said in no spirit of irreverence or redicule, but it is a attractive entertainment. They have a large building, either a tabernacle or tent, they have a choir of one hundred times other instruments in accompani ment, they have good solo singers, and the evangelist himself is sure to make his sermon sufficiently sensational to people become intensely interested, not to say excited. In the smaller twons business is frequently suspended during service and everybody talks about the big meet-

do no good, but we do say they do some the Christian faith, it must be done through the systematic work of the organized church and not by spasmodic revivals, conducted by wandering evange lists. Now, the harm comes in fust here After the people have attended for te days a series of sensational meetings such meeting, without the attractions of the tabernacle or the tent, is a very tame affair, and the othodox preaching of the pastor is very tame as compared with the cut 'em and slash 'em oratory of the event, he would be a powerful foe to the stimulant for the time, but after the The effect of all this is to discount and

> gion which is dignified and of all things promoted by the "slang and billinescate"

### Race Questions Here and There.

Senator Gearin, of Oregon, tells our Washington correspondent that the people on the Pacific Slope are peculiarly wedded to the idea of allowing the people of the South to settle the negro problem among themselves in their own way, "for you know," said he, "we have the ques tion of Chinese immigration always with us and we ask to be allowed to settle it term of five years in improving the want such legislation framed to meet the ideas of the people who are not familiar The point seems to us not to be wall with the condition of our territory,"

the same view.

Whereupon there is no providing for every contingency, In the they think that the "Negro problem" Anderson althexation act, it is expressly is easy enough to deal with. So it is from their point of view, for there are not enough negroes in their section to make

section have to deal with the negro as

A Tribute to Good Citizenship. The election of James B. Pace to be treasurer of Richmond is a tribute to the good sense and good heart of this people. In saying this there is no disand the community is under obligations to him, if any citizen be entitled to recognition for past public service. When he was a rich man James B. Pace used his money, his influence and all means at his command to promote the interests of Richmond, and he was especially noted were dependent upon the public bounty for their support. No man in Richmond are many who can testify that in the day of his affluence the ear of Mr. Pace was always open in sympathy to the cry of distress. There are public monuments to his liberallty, but it was the many little deeds of kindness, known only to him, the recipient and the recording angel, which so endeared him to the

It is the first time that the voters have had the opportunity to show their appre ciation of the man, for it is the first time that he has stood for office, and it must be gratifying to him, as it is to his personal friends, that he polled such a flattering vote. It comes in the nature of a Christmas gift, and is a token of self well in prosperity, who bore himself better in adversity, who met his obligations like a man, and suffered not his manliness to be impaired by misfortune. It needs not to be said that such a man will discharge the obligation of his trust with fidelity.

Mother Eddy has gone so far as to cause to be inserted in the by-laws of the church a clause forbidding the giving or receiving of presents at Yuletide, and she has warned the elders not to spend their time in writing messages of conafter we have finished paying the Christmas bills.

Wall Street has its moral code, and one of its precepts is: "If whiskey interferes with your business, give up your business. You can't do two things at a time." It is a cold-blooded way to state the proposition, but there is good sense in the hint.

President Roosevelt very promptly pu a stop to the silly movement beginning in Oregon for a popular subscription to purchase a wedding present for his daughter. In doing this the Presiden yielded to the promptings of his South ern instincts.

New York is talking about asking the Legislature for forty millions, to be used on the canal. We didn't know the Panama Canal was to pass through New York.

An investigation of the newspapers is now in order. The public would like to know which of them were bought up by the insurance companies.

The Norfolk and Western directors gave Roanoke a million dellar appropriation. What a fine Christmas gift!

Some of the stores are still advertising Thristmas presents. It seems to us that his thing has gone far enough.

Copper continues to soar, but Lawson has not yet proclaimed his bankruptcy.

The divine Sarah proposes to make the farewell tour as profitable as possible,

And so it turns out. Pace set the pace

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY December 29th.

1674—Batle of Mulhausen; the French, under Turenne, gained a victory over under Turenne the Germans.

the Germans.

1794—The town of Grave, considered a masterpiece of fortification, surrendered to the French, under Pichegru, blockade of two months. after a blockade of two months.
4—English ships captured a Sapnish vessel with \$200,000 and a valuable cargo of indigo.

1854—Prussia decided to open its coasting

1854—Frussia decided to Open its coasing trade to England. 1860—John B. Floyd, Secretary of War, resigned. 1862—The Confederates at Vicksburg at-tacked General Shorman with their whole force and drove him back to the first lines of defense. 1864—Hood's army crossed the Tennessee River, thus ending the Tennessee company.

1864—The Juarez government of Mexico offered a large bounty to volunteers from other countries who would enter

its service. 1868-Mosby Clark, an old Revolutionary died at Richmond, Va., at the age of 121 years.

1874—Alfonso XII. proclaimed King of

1874—Alfonso XII, procedured Aing of Spain.
1877—The President and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their silver wedding in the White House.
1884—Earthquake shocks experienced in Austria, Spain and other portions of Europe.
1904—Lord Roberts shocked England by declaring British army unfit to engage

declaring British army unfit to engage in war with any modern power; points out deficiencies and tells what army

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The Silence of Jim McPhoys.

And as we trod them dusty ways,
"How times has changed, old Jim," I
says;
"They ain't now as they wasn't.
You take forminst this bloomin' dust;
It either lays there 'cause it mist,
Or else because it misn't,
And 'cre's the thing that gets me fussed;
Why don't what musin't doesn't?"

And 'carnin no response from Jim,

I flung a suddint glance at him,

And him was glancen' me.

"And, look 'ere, chatty Jim McPhoys,"

I says, sarcastic, 'stow your noise—

Quit shouth' out at me;

Quit yellm' like a school o' boys"—

But not a word says he.

Then fearin' all warn't well with Jim, I crossed and uppercutted him, And stretched him in the dust; And layin' by him very near; I hollered in his dyin' ear; "That's what has got me fussed—Just this, McPhoys—Hey, can you 'ear?—Why can't what doesn't must?"

And while I sinres at him, I see
That he was starin' hard at me,
And whiking sly and cute,
"I though!," he says, "you sholy knew—
I know I told it wunst to youWhy I can't talk to suit:
I'm deaf-dumb, Jim the Jlebrew Jew,
Illin as was born a mute." H. S. H.

### Merely Joking

were fulling fast as the housewives could pull them down, when along the street of an Alpine village passed a youth bearing a banner with the strange device, "Excelsior," "Hold on!" said a jolly villager, appearing through the tayern door, "Is it yout aventeer." "Is it good excelsior?" Being assured that it was a first-class article, he bought enough to stuff himself for the role of Santa Claus, for Christmas was comins. "And yet," said the youth, bitterly, "that poet is bound to make me figure in literature as an eccentric idiot."—Philadel-

The Little Woman,-"The Browns are going to hold an anniversary Tuesday night." "In honor of what?" "Their cook having been with them two weeks." —Milwaukee Sentinel.

Why Didn't He Mention It? He told me my face was my fortune. Said Nell, and the smile on her face Passed off when Belle answered: "How

Why, poverty's not a disgrace,"

Fly Time.—'I must fly,' said the cashier. "Then fly with me," remarked a stranger, laying a heavy hand on him. "With you?" stammered the cashier. "Yes; I'm known as a 'fly cop," "—Philadelphia, Ledger." adelphia Ledger.

A Match.

If you were Edith Wharton,
And I were Bernard Shaw,
We'd soar through mystle mazes
Of super-subtle phrases;
The subjects we'd exhort on
Would fill the world with awe,
If you were Edith Wharton,
And I were Bernard Shaw.

If you were Henrik Ibsen, And I were Macterlinck,
We'd cut, like babes on corals,
Our wisdom teeth on morals;
We'd write sardonic squibs in
Vituperative ink,
If you were Henrik ibsen,
And I were Macterlinck:

If you were Lyof Tolstol,
And I were Turgenleff,
We'd write the queerest novels
About high jinks in hovels;
A man who was a doll's toy,
A here held in feoff;
If you were Lyof Tolstol,
And I were Turgenleff,

If you were Rudyard Kipling, And I were Conan Doyle, We'd watch with eyes a-dancing, Our verbal rates advancing; Our verbal rates advancing, And ever we'd be tripling Our hoard of golden spell, If you were Rudyard Kipling,

## A LAWYER'S VIEW.

Some of the Legal Aspects of the Consolidation.

Consolidation.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—We have heard much talk about the expediency of consolidation, and the picture has been painted in the fairest colors by its advocates. The plan agreed upon by the committee, on the face, appears simple and alluring to all who have not carefully considered the legal difficulties in the way of its practical consummation and the ultimate results of consolidation.

But, when these difficulties and results are fully apprehended and maturely considered, the "glitter of the gold" vanishes, and the fine vision becomes a hard reality.

The prime question is: Granting that annexation is accomplished, and the

The prime question is: Granting that annexation is accomplished, and the "promises" of \$40,000 per year for five years on the streets of Manchester, a \$30,000 schoolhouse and a new Free Bridge are sanctioned by the Councils of both cities and put into the form of an ordinate. \$30,000 schoolhouse and a new Free Bridge are sanctioned by the Councils of both cities and put into the form of an ordinance (or ordinances), how is a law to be passed making these "promises" binding on the city of Richmond? This cannot be accomplished by an ordinance, or ordinances, because any succeeding Council of the city of Richmond can, at its will, change or abolish such an ordinance. After the consolidation of Manchester with Richmond, Manckester loses will change or abolish such an ordinance. After the consolidation of Manchester with Richmond, Manckester loses will change or about the comporate identity and existence, and ceases to be a city. Richmond becomes 'IT," and the Council of that city can do away with any ordinance, or ordinances, now passed, and thus defeat this gilltering plan. There is nothing here to bind the city of Richmond to fulfill these "promises." The gentlemen who now enter linto these arrangements, if the Council of Richmond should agree to and sanction them, will not have the power to carry them out, because a majority of the members, acting, as they may think best, may in the future determine differently, and especially its this true when new members may be elected to the Council.

But, the quaere is made, Cannot the General Assembly pass a law that will bind the city of Richmond? No. Because the Constitution of this State prohibits a special act on this subject being passed, and it cannot be accomplished by a general act. The Poth section of the Constitution reads: "The General Assembly shall provide by general laws for the extension and the contraction, from time to time, of the corporate limits of cities and towns, and an special act for such purpose shall be valid." (See Annotated Code of Virginia, Vol. p. 242, art. VIII, paragraph 123, which is the only section bearing on this subject.)

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This is conclusive as to the special act. A general act to put this constitutional provision into operation has never been enacted. This the General Assembly will have to do, and they will doubtless accomplish this important function with due regard to the general interests of the cities of the State and general conditions, and cannot and will not embrace special conditions or legislation in a general statute. This would cause confusion and intricacy, and would militate against the uniform and general administration of such an act by the courts, it is impracticable to include all the details and agreements made by cities in an act of this nature; that is, perforce general, to be constitutional. Therefore, it is not reasonable to think that these details and agreements ("promises," as above set out) will be embedded in a kemoral statute enacted by the General Assembly to effectuate the said provision of the Conglitution, as this would be withled. We make a specialty of HEAVY TIMBERS

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would jeopardize the validity and constitutionality of the statute, and would throw doubt upon the very act that consumated the consolidation sought to be made effectual, logs.her with the said "bromises." There would not be a very satisfactory guarantee of the binding security of these "promises" under such a legislative enactment.

Furthermore, granting that all the legal difficulties in this article above set out could be removed, and a special act could be, and was, passed to put the matters allituded to into effective operation, how could the "promises" of the city of Richmond be enforced, if that city, through its legalty constituted authorities, should refuse to carry them out? In plath words, suppose that effer amexation had been made a fact by legislative enactment, the authorities of the city of Richmond, then existing should decline to build the Free Bridge, the \$30,000 schoolbouse, to spend during any one year the \$40,000 on the streets, or to pay the officers, or to do either of these things, how could the city of Richmond be made to do so? By suit, do you say? Who would suc? Under what law would you sue? Manchester as a city would then be dead—merged into the corporation of Richmond. There would be no city of Manchester. Therefore, Manchester could not sue. This is manifest—too plain for argument. Could Richmond sue justiff. That is a legal absurdity. when we see the many things accomplished by political management in this way and the see of words, or any one or more of the war of virginia, Art. VIII, Annotated Code of Wilchmond can change the boundaries of wards, or any one or more of the war of virginia, art. VIII, Annotated Code of Wilchmond can change the boundaries of wards, or any one or more of the wards of the edge of wards, or any one or more of the wards of the control of virginia, Art. VIII, Annotated Code of Wilchmond can change the boundaries of wards, or any one or more of the wards of the edge of wards, or any one or more of the wards of the edge of wards, or any one or more of the wards of the edge of wards, or any one or more of the wards of the edge of wards, or any one or more of wards, or any be deviced any of wards of the city was any or of the present intents and special wards, which is any one of the order of wards of the present intents and special wards, which is any one of the present intents and special wards, which was any of wards or change the boundaries of the present intents and special wards. The council of every city may, in a manner presented by law, dec.

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be enforced, but that is void in law.

1. Because it cannot be enforced, as above proved.

2. Because it cannot be made binding by legislative enactment, as above shown.

3. Because it cannot be made binding and unchangeable by concilimante enactment, as above shown.

4. Because the contract, if it could be called such, is between the two cities, one of which ceases to exist when consolidation is consummated, and thus leaving only one party (the city of Richmond) existing, and thus demonstrating that the so-called contract is absolutely invalid, because it could not be enforced; there then remaining no party to enforce it, and there being only one party when consolidation is consummated to the contract, which is a legal anomaly.

Under these circumstances, and in the face of the law, how can the people of the city of Manchester afford to enter into an arrangement of this character which cannot be enforced?

Would not the people of Manchester be like the man who buys a "gold brick," and who is laughed at for his stupidity?

That is the way it seems to us, who are looking at these important questions from all sides and under all aspects of the case.

Respectfully.

DAVID L. PULLIAM.

Respectfully DAVID L. PULLIAM.

# LOUISA JUVENILES TILT IN FINE STYLE

FREDERICK'S HALL, VA., December 28.—One of the most enjoyable events of the holiday season took place Wednesday afternoon in the "Crank Fields," when afternoon in the "Crank Fields," when the youth in knee trousers vied with each other, as to who should be crowned queen of love and beauty. The tournament conducted entirely by juveniles was largely attended by the elite of the community and was a complete success, and credit to themselves in ever respect.

The Coutesying Knights were as follows: "Knight of Frederick's Hall,"

lows: "Knight of Frederick's Hall," Emmett H. Polndexter, Jr., J. H. Crank, Jr., Knight of "Chester." Knight of the "Silver Ring," Honry Crank, Knight of "Locust Grove," Louis M. Spicer, "Stan-ley" Maurice Francis county. The suc-cessful Knights were Henry Crank, "Knight of the Silver Ring," who crowned Cheep, of Love and Beauty, Miss Mar. cessful Knights were Henry Crank, 
"Knight of the Silver Ring," who crowned 
Queen of Love and Beauty, Miss Margarite Spicer. First mald, Miss Marian 
Spicer, daughter of Mr. Wade Spicer, 
of Richmond, by Dinnett II. Poindexier, 
Jr. Second maid, Miss Louise Garrett, by 
Maurice Francis. Third maid, Miss Fannie Crank, by "Chester."

One of the most marvelous features 
in the contest was the superb horsemanship and artistic handwork as demonstrated by Henry Crank, a lad of scarcely a 
dozen summers, who in four rides, took 
every ring, twelva in all, a feat seldom 
performed by his elders. 
George Goodwin, Jr., acted as Marshall, 
E. P. Waller delivered the charge to the 
Knights, also delivered the coronation 
address, after which the little folks 
wended their several ways homeward, 
having thoroughly enjoyed themselves

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of new students for the regular college courses. Some additional room will be made in the college by the failure of a number of students to pass the examinations just before the holidays. Students will be dropped from all the classes, from the seniors down. President Winston says, though, that it is nothing more than the usual weeding out of the drones. Governor Glenn will go to Charlotte to-morrow to deliver an address before the cotton farmers of that section. the cotton farmers of that section

State Superintendent of Public Instruc

State Superintendent of Public Instruc-tion J. Y. Joyner has gone to Greens-bore to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the State Normal and In-dustrial College.

Arrangements are being made for the annual meeting of the North Carolina As-sociation of High School Teachers, to be held in the representatives hall of the State Capitol Friday and Saturday, Pro-fessor Martin Holt, of Oak Ridge Instifessor Martin Holt, of Oak Ridge Institute, is the president of the association.

### SHOT IN COLD BLOOD.

Rufus Caldwell Killed By a Man Riding Behind Him.

Riding Behind Him.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 28.—A cold-blooded murder occurred in Calalooche township. Haywood county, Christmas day, John Smiley shooting and instantly killing Rufus Caldwell without provocation.

The two young men were members of a large party, who were riding horschack from one part of the township to another. Smiley was riding in the rear of the party and suddenly, without a word of warning, drew a revolver and fived point blank at Caldwell. William was riding but a few paces in Tonder and the provider and fived point blank at Caldwell. William was riding but a few paces in Tonder the truck a visit sport of the caldwell's boot struck a visit sport struck. Smiley was at once arrested and taken to Waynesville, where he is now in Jall. He has refused to make any statement regarding the shooting.

### OLD LANDMARK GONE.

Grand Old English Oak Falls Prey to a Roman Candle.

Prey to a Roman Candle.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CUMBRILLAND, VA., Dec. 28.—Hather an unusual celebration happened here Christmas day, A massive old English oak tree, which has stood here through many generations, and said to have been transplanted from England, there being none other like it in the county, was burned and fell to the ground. Some boys fred a Roman candle at the tree, and the old tree being hollow, almost from top to bottom, caught on fire on the inside, and notwithstanding fire extinguishers were used, could not be put out. This old landmark, which had defied so many storms and given rhade for the village hencit, was regarded as the friend of the town. The late Judge Dabney tried to get an appropriation from the county to preserve this old relic of early days.

Mr. J. R. Flippen, clerk of the County and Circuit Courts, will turn over the office to Mr. C. R. Sanderson on January the first. Mr. Flippen has been clerk of the county for right covery ways, and has made a most hemorek in overy way, and has also made may friends. He will, in the future, devote his time to his other business interests here.

### HARD EXPERIENCE.

Mailcarrier's Horse That Would Not Stay in the Ferryboat.

Not Stay in the Ferryboat.

(Snecial to The Times-Dispatch.)

HEATHSVILLE, VA., December 23.—Mr.

Thomy Straukhan, the mail carrier on the reality between Warsaw and Heathswith and ferryman at Coan Wharf, both had a narrow escape from drowning a fewer in the ferryboat. The horse suddenly became frightened and ran back with the mail cart hitched to him and fell overboard, carrying both Mr. Straughan and the ferryman with him. After being in the water some time, they managed to reach the shore in an almost exhausted condition. Mr. Straughan then proceeded on his route to Heathsville. Returning in the afternoon, he unhitched the horse before entering the boat.

The animal again went overboard, when within about ten yards of the Bundick shore, but this time he went alone. By some means the cable was broken, and

the boat drifted back to the opposite shore. The two managed to keep the horse's head above the water until and horse's near above the water until land was reached.

The large barn of Mrs. Marvin Balley, of Kinsale, was burned a few days ago, together with about eighty barrels of corn, a large amount of foncer and farming implements. The loss was about \$550. There was no insurance.

#### SHOOTING A MYSTERY.

Vacancy in Swanson's District.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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DANVILLE. VA. Doo. 28.—The corner's jury empanelled to investigate the death of Tom Kelly, the skiteen search oby, who was shot while hunting Truetled afternoon near the city, returned a verificial afternoon hear the city, returned a verificial afternoon that young Kelly met death as the result of being shot while a fifte in the hands on unknown party. It was at Brist thought the Frank Brightwell, aged about skiteen, that Frank Brightwell, aged about skiteen, that Frank Brightwell, aged about skiteen, that such was the case.

It appears that a crowd of boys, armed with rifles, were shooting on the river banks at birds, the cans or anything in sight, and it was sauddenly discovered that Kelly was fatally wounded. It was conclusively shown, however, that there was no ill-feeding between the boys, but who inflicted the wound is a mystery.

R. A. James, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Fifth Congressional District, has called a meeting of that committee to be held at Martinsville January 8th for the purpose of taking such action as necessary in anticipation of Congressman Claude A. Swanson, of this district, who was recently elected Governor of Virginia Mr. Swanson has not as yet tendered his resignation, but it is understood will do so February 1st.

#### HIS DEADLY FIST.

Nathan Scott Kills Assailant Who Threatened Him With Axe.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORPOLK, VA., Dec. 3.—Nathan Scott, a powerful negro, is in the Norfolk county jail under a charge of murder, he having killed Goorge Washington, another negro, at Sewell's Point yesterday with a blow of his fist, Washington's neck being broken. Scott, who bears a good reputation, was at his home when Washington, armed with an axe, appeared there, and after uitering much abusive language of the county of the control of the county of the count

#### ROUGH HOUSE.

Gang of Young Men Break Up

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 28.—A gang of young men attacked the home of Mathew Grubbs, near the Shenandoah River, in Clarke county, and not only broke up a party that was being given by him, but brutally assaulted the aged host.
Warrants were issued and three have so far been arrested. To-day Chayton Wiley and brother and Kidwell Royston confessed, and were heavily fined. Marrialli Wiley, the alleged ring-leider, and who was the chief in assautting Grubbs, has fied to parts unknown.

The Town Hall at Warsaw Dedi-

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WARSAW, VA., Dec. 23.—A. W. Sanford,
sped twenty-five years, had his right hand
slown off at the residence of J. D. Bowen at
Newland, this county, this afternoon by the
lischarge of a cannon cracker. His hand will
are to be amputingly

One Man Killed and Several Wounded in Affray Following.

(By Associated Press.)

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Call of Committee to Consider Vacancy in Swanson's District.

Dance and Assault Host.

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cated With a Dance.

# YOUNG MEN QUARREL OVER GIRL AT DANCE

(By Associated Press.)

BROOKS, GA., Dec. 28.—A shooting affray happened here last night at a dance
at the home of Tony Biles, a few miles
south of here.

Two young men quarreled about a parther in a dance, and were ordered out of
the house by Mr. Biles. The difficulty
was renewed in the yard.

Mr. Biles ran out with his shot-gun, and
a general fusilinde occurred, resulting in
the death of Tony Biles and the serious
wounding of John W. Goodin, Lauder
Goodin and Frank Morris.

Biles is survived by his wife and six
children. John W. Goodin and Tony Biles
were brothers-in-law.

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